

Contemporary Storytelling at Newbattle Abbey College

A brand new course in Contemporary Storytelling: Theory and Practice starts this autumn at Newbattle Abbey College in the Scottish Borders and will be accredited by the SQA at Level 7 on the SCQF framework.

Running in the form of two residential weekends, 26th-28th September 2008 and 15th-17th May 2009, this unit is designed to help professionals rediscover the art of oral storytelling and use storytelling skills to enhance their professional practice. The course's function in supporting continuing professional development (CPD) makes it useful for teachers, librarians, literacy workers, museum and heritage interpreters, social workers, care workers, health professionals, clergy, youth workers, environmental rangers, community development professionals and arts animateurs.

COURSE CONTENT

The course combines theoretical perspectives, on how oral storytelling works as an effective form of communication, with practical experience of how it is applied in specific professional contexts including how the skills developed in studying the unit might be applied to enhance practice. The unit outcomes relate to the skills involved in delivering effective narrative communication in specific situations. These include:

- Analysing the purposes and relevance of oral storytelling within your own professional context
- Sourcing and selecting oral stories appropriate to your professional context
- Editing and developing oral stories appropriate to your professional context
- Presenting oral stories effectively and appropriately with regard to your professional context
- Presenting in written and oral form, an effective evaluation of the above outcomes as they apply to your profession

Candidates studying this unit would be expected to take part in 2 residential week ends during which time they will form part of a group of peers learning to develop oral storytelling skills. Assessment of oral delivery will take place during the residential week ends. In between times, candidates will engage in distance learning as they create a written project contextualised to their workplace practice. This project will form part of the final assessment.

COURSE DURATION

The course will be delivered over a 10 month period from September 2008 until June 2009. It is expected that the time spent studying this unit will be approximately 40 hours. Of this, approximately 20 hours will be allocated to the 2 residential week ends and the remaining 20 hours used to work on the project, the focus of which will be your professional practice.

COURSE DATES

1st Residential week end: Friday evening 26th September 2008-Sunday afternoon 28th September 2008

2nd Residential week end: Friday evening 15th May 2009 – Sunday afternoon 17th May 2009

COURSE COSTS

Residential student = £535

Non-residential student = £355 (Additional cost for meals)

The cost includes 20 hours classroom teaching, support for distance learning, assessment, registration with SQA and certification by SQA

Residential costs include 4 night's full board + accommodation in a 2 star campus accommodation at Newbattle Abbey College.

Please refer to website www.newbattleabbeycollege.ac.uk for location and further information on the venue